

DECLARATION FOR NONPROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

On behalf of Royal Canin, S.A., to which the invention identified herein rightfully belongs, I, Alain Guillemin, hereby declare that:

I am the Executive Officer of Royal Canin, S.A.

Royal Canin, S.A. is the employer of Renaud Sergheraert, Vincent Biourge, and Mickaël Deboise.

The residence, post office address and citizenship of Renaud Sergheraert, Vincent Biourge, and Mickaël Deboise are as stated below at 201 et seq. beneath each name.

I believe that Renaud Sergheraert, Vincent Biourge, and Mickaël Deboise are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

FOOD OR VETERINARY COMPOSITION FOR DOMESTIC CARNIVORES CONTAINING FREE TYROSINE FOR PREVENTING PIGMENTATION ABNORMALITIES OF THE FUR

and for which a patent application was filed in the United States on November 1, 2001 as Application No. 09/703,522.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED PRIOR TO THE FILING DATE OF THE APPLICATION			
APPLICATION NUMBER	COUNTRY	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED
FR 9913657	FRANCE	November 2, 1999	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

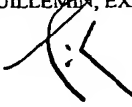
PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING DATE

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION SERIAL NO.	FILING DATE	STATUS		
		PATENTED	PENDING	ABANDONED

2 0 1	FULL NAME OF INVENTOR	LAST NAME Sergheraert	FIRST NAME Renaud	MIDDLE NAME	
	RESIDENCE & CITIZENSHIP	CITY Baden	STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY France	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP France	
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2 0 2	FULL NAME OF INVENTOR	LAST NAME Biourge	FIRST NAME Vincent	MIDDLE NAME	
	RESIDENCE & CITIZENSHIP	CITY Saint Nolff	STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY France	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP France	
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2 0 3	FULL NAME OF INVENTOR	LAST NAME Deboise	FIRST NAME Mickaël	MIDDLE NAME	
	RESIDENCE & CITIZENSHIP	CITY Vannes	STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY France	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP France	
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

SIGNATURE OF ALAIN GUILLEMIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF ROYAL CANIN, S.A. 	DATE July 15, 2001
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Sergheraert et al.

Application No.: 09/703,522

Group Art Unit: 1761

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Attorney Docket No.: 10272-007

**POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE
AND EXCLUSION OF INVENTOR(S) UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.71**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

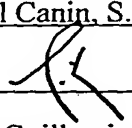
The undersigned assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified subject application hereby appoints: S. Leslie Misrock (Reg. No. 18872), Berj A. Terzian (Reg. No. 20060), David Weild, III (Reg. No. 21094), Jonathan A. Marshall (Reg. No. 24614), Barry D. Rein (Reg. No. 22411), Stanton T. Lawrence, III (Reg. No. 25736), Charles E. McKenney (Reg. No. 22795), Philip T. Shannon (Reg. No. 24278), Francis E. Morris (Reg. No. 24615), Charles E. Miller (Reg. No. 24576), Gidon D. Stern (Reg. No. 27469), John J. Lauter, Jr. (Reg. No. 27814), Brian M. Poissant (Reg. No. 28462), Brian D. Coggio (Reg. No. 27624), Rory J. Radding (Reg. No. 28749), Stephen J. Harbulak (Reg. No. 29166), Donald J. Goodell (Reg. No. 19766), James N. Palik (Reg. No. 25510), Thomas E. Friebe (Reg. No. 29258), Laura A. Coruzzi (Reg. No. 30742), Jennifer Gordon (Reg. No. 30753), Geraldine F. Baldwin (Reg. No. 31232), Victor N. Balancia (Reg. No. 31231), Samuel B. Abrams (Reg. No. 30605), Steven I. Wallach (Reg. No. 35402), Marcia H. Sundeen (Reg. No. 30893), Paul J. Zegger (Reg. No. 33821), Edmond R. Bannon (Reg. No. 32110), Bruce J. Barker (Reg. No. 33291), Adriane M. Antler (Reg. No. 32605), Thomas G. Rowan (Reg. No. 34419), James G. Markey (Reg. No. 31636), Thomas D. Kohler (Reg. No. 32797), Scott D. Stimpson (Reg. No. 33607), Gary S. Williams (Reg. No. 31066), Ann L. Gisolfi (Reg. No. 31956), Todd A.

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In accordance with the Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(b) submitted herewith, as a result of the contractual obligations of the three named inventors, and in accordance with French law, Royal Canin, S.A. is the assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified subject application.

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